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## QUARTERLY MEETING, JAN. 31, 1797.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society,  
Jan. 31, 1797, —

Letters were read from Dr. Isaac Senter and Mr. Gilbert H. Hubbard, accepting their election as Corresponding Members.

Mr. Peck requested that he might keep the Herbarium belonging to the Society for a longer time.

*Voted*, That he be allowed to retain it two years longer.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to solicit subscriptions reported that they had not yet closed the business.

*Voted*, That they be requested to attend still further to it.

JOHN DAVIS, Esq., was chosen in the room of Dr. Belknap, who declined serving any longer on this committee.

Mr. EBEN. PARSONS, of Boston, was chosen a Resident Member, and Rev. ASA NORTON and Hon. STEPHEN VAN RENSSELAER, Corresponding Members.

Nominations: Thomas Brattle, Esq., of Cambridge, a Resident Member, by the President; William Fiske, of Waltham, a Resident Member, by Mr. Winthrop; Henry William Desaussure, of Charleston, South Carolina, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. John Davis; Dr. Lemuel Kollock, of Savannah, Georgia, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Freeman; Ephraim Ramsay, Esq., of South Carolina, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Morse.

*Voted*, That the Society will compile a map of the State from the materials to be supplied by the government, the expense of necessary

observations being borne by the same, the government loaning the Society fifteen hundred dollars for two years, without interest, and receiving five hundred copies at the prime cost, and granting the Society the copyright of the work for twenty-eight years.

*Voted*, That the President, Judge Minot, and John Davis, Esq., be a committee to present a memorial to the General Court, conformable to the foregoing vote.

*Voted*, That the following be added to the Laws and Regulations of the Society :—

If any Resident Member of this Society shall neglect to pay his annual assessment for the space of three years after it shall have become due, or shall neglect to attend any six successive quarterly meetings of the Society, he shall forfeit his right to its privileges, and shall no longer be considered as a member thereof, unless he shall send his excuse to one of the Secretaries in writing, and the same shall be judged reasonable by the Society.

*Voted*, That the Recording Secretary furnish each Resident Member of the Society with an attested copy of the foregoing vote.

### ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1797.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 25, 1797,—members present, Belknap, Clarke, J. Davis, J. Freeman, Harris, Kirkland, Minot, Spooner, Thacher, Turell, and Winthrop.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers :—

JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen . . . .	PRESIDENT.
GEORGE R. MINOT	„ . . . .	TREASURER.
JEREMY BELKNAP	„ . . . .	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	„ . . . .	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN ELIOT	„ . . . .	LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	„ . . . .	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP	} were chosen . .	STANDING COMMITTEE.
PETER THACHER		
REDFORD WEBSTER		

THOMAS BRATTLE, Esq., of Cambridge, and WILLIAM FISKE, Esq., of Waltham, were chosen Resident Members. HENRY WILLIAM DESAUSSURE, Esq., of Charleston, Dr. LEMUEL KOLLOCK, of Savannah, and EPHRAIM RAMSAY, Esq., of South Carolina, were chosen Corresponding Members.

*Voted*, That the Standing Committee report at the next meeting an addition to the seventh article, determining what number of members shall be present to make any alterations in the Laws of the Society.

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#### QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, July 20, 1797, — members present, Belknap, Bradford, Clarke, Coffin, Cutler, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Kirkland, Mellen, Minot, Morse, Perkins, Prince, Quincy, Spooner, Thacher, Turell, Tyng, and Winthrop.

Whereas Edmund Randolph and William Blount, who have been elected Corresponding Members of this Society, are, in our opinion, unworthy of our confidence; therefore,

*Voted*, That they be no longer considered as Corresponding Members.\*

Passed *nem. con.*

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\* The circumstances under which Edmund Randolph had resigned his place as Secretary of State are abundantly dealt with in the Histories of the time. See the Life and Works of John Adams, I. 481, 482; Marshall's Life of Washington, second edition, Vol. II. note No. XX.

William Blount, after having been a delegate to the Continental Congress from North Carolina, was appointed Governor of the territory south of the Ohio. In 1796 he was chosen President of the Convention of Tennessee, and was elected by that State to a seat in the Senate of the United States; but was expelled in the following year, for having, as was alleged, instigated the Indians to assist the British in conquering the Spanish territories near the United States. See Gales and Seaton's Annals of Congress for this period, and Lanman's Dictionary of the United States Congress. — Eds.

Nominations : Captain Gamaliel Bradford, a Resident Member, by John Davis ; Caleb Gannett, Esq., of Cambridge, a Resident Member, by Mr. Mellen ; Dr. Timothy Dwight, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Morse.

*Voted*, That the President, Dr. Morse, and Mr. J. Davis be a committee to apply to the General Court to request that they would pay the amount of expenses incurred by the Society in ascertaining the cost of publishing a map of the Commonwealth.

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#### QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 31, 1797, — the members present were, Belknap, J. Davis, Eliot, Fiske, J. Freeman, Harris, Kirkland, Minot, Pemberton, Quincy, Spooner, Thacher, Tudor, Turell, Webster, and Winthrop.

Messrs. WEBSTER and KIRKLAND were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

The President, Messrs. J. FREEMAN, MINOT, J. DAVIS, SPOONER, and QUINCY, a committee to consider the propriety and expediency of continuing the publications of the Society.

Messrs. PECK, WEBSTER, and SPOONER, a committee to consider the necessary measures to preserve the Library and the preparations for the Museum from destruction by insects and the intermeddling of strangers.

Captain GAMALIEL BRADFORD, of Boston, and CALEB GANNETT, Esq., of Cambridge, were chosen Resident Members. TIMOTHY DWIGHT, D.D., President of Yale College, was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nominations: John Dunn, Esq., of Killaly, Ireland, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Freeman; Dr. Elihu Hubbard Smith, of New York, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Quincy.

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### SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Dec. 1, 1797,—the members present were, Belknap, G. Bradford, Clarke, Coffin, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Harris, Kirkland, Minot, Morse, Quincy, Spooner, Sullivan, Turell, Webster, and Winthrop.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the propriety and expediency of continuing the publications of the Society, reported that it is expedient to continue the same. Whereupon it was

*Voted*, 1. That the Collections of the Society be continued.

2. That they be published quarterly, in numbers containing seventy-two pages each, the first number to commence on the first day of January, 1798.

3. That a contract be entered into with a printer for that purpose.

4. That four hundred copies, at least, be printed.

5. That the Recording Secretary be a committee to draw up a subscription paper, and to furnish each member with two copies at least.

6. That each Resident Member be requested to subscribe for two copies of the Collections, and to procure subscriptions among persons not belonging to the Society.

7. That the price of each number of the Collections be twenty-five cents.

Dr. MORSE, Mr. QUINCY, Mr. ELIOT, and Mr. J. FREEMAN were appointed a committee to prepare materials

for, and to superintend, the publications for the year 1798, constituting the fifth volume of the Collections of the Society, and comprised in four numbers.

JOHN DUNN, LL.D., of Killaly, Ireland, and Dr. ELIHU HUBBARD SMITH, of New York, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Nominations: Christopher Gore, Esq., a Resident Member, by Dr. Belknap; Rev. John Bradford, a Resident Member, by Mr. Freeman; Dr. Samuel Latham Mitchill, of New York, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Morse.

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#### SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY, 1798.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 15, 1798,—the members present were, Belknap, Clarke, J. Davis, D. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Kirkland, Minot, Quincy, Sullivan, Tudor, and Turell.

Judge TUDOR was appointed a committee to draw up a petition to the Honorable Senate, requesting the donation of the portraits which hang in the old Senate Chamber.

The Judge reported a petition, which was accepted, and ordered to be signed by the President and presented to the Senate.

Nomination: Benjamin, Count Rumford, a Corresponding Member, by Judge Tudor.